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SUBJECT: CYPRUS - SOMALIA PIRACY CONTACT GROUP: GOC
PLANNING MONETARY CONTRIBUTION, PRESSING FOR PARTICIPATION.

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In response to reftel request for guidance, post is requested to pass the following information to the GOC regarding the Contact Group for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS).

-- The USG views the planned Cypriot donation to the CGPCS Trust Fund as entirely appropriate and congratulates GOC on its notable gesture of support for CGPCS efforts to facilitate the prosecution of suspected pirates.

-- The USG welcomes GOC participation in all CGPCS fora. We understand that Japan, chair of the Fourth Plenary in New York City on September 10, has issued invitations to Cyprus and other interested nations to participate in this meeting.

-- USG hopes that GOC, as a full CGPCS participant, will undertake to prosecute pirates attacking Cypriot-flagged, -owned, or)crewed ships; discourage the payment of ransoms that fuel piracy; and encourage its registry fleet to implement Best Management Practices for ship self-defense.
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